

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 1-20 were pending in this application. Applicant has canceled claims 12-20, has amended claims 1 and 2, and has added claims 21-24. Applicant respectfully submits claims 1-11 and 21-24 for reconsideration.

Applicant appreciates the indication of allowable subject matter in claim 7. Applicant has not rewritten claim 7 in independent form at this time, because Applicant believes claim 1, from which claim 7 depends, to be allowable.

Applicant affirms the election made to prosecute Group I, claims 1-11, in this application. Applicant has canceled claims 12-20, which were drawn to non-elected subject matter. Applicant, of course, reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications covering any non-elected subject matter.

Claims 1-6 and 8-11 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Takahashi et al. (USP 4,953,887). Applicant traverses this rejection for at least the following reason.

Claim 1 defines a stroller that includes, among other things, “a latch mount coupled to the rear cross member [of a basket frame].” According to claim 1, the stroller also includes “a latch coupled to [a] basket to releasably engage the latch mount, thereby allowing the basket to move between a closed position and an open position relative to the basket frame.”

The Office Action states that “Takahashi et al. also disclose a latch mount (as shown in figure 1) coupled to the rear cross member.” Applicant disagrees. FIG. 1 of Takahashi et al. shows structures (not numbered) that are mounted to a rear of the basket 8, below the rear cross member of U-shaped frame bar 81. No structure is coupled to the frame bar 81 that could serve as a latch mount. In fact, the hooks 16 of Takahashi et al. (which the Office Action analogizes to the latch of claim 1) do not engage any structure on the frame bar 81; rather, one of the hooks 16 is engageable with an engaging hole 22 in the step plate 21 and the other of the hooks is engageable with an engaging plate 71 provided on the rear face of

the backrest plate 7. See Takahashi et al., col. 4, line 64 – col. 5, line 4. Accordingly, Takahashi et al. does not teach or suggest “a latch mount coupled to the rear cross member,” as required by claim 1.

New claims 21-24 are believed to be patentable over the reference relied upon in the Office Action.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 CFR 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 CFR 1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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